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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Campaign Expenditures - Payment by Check Card or Debit Card**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a campaign finance entity to pay for campaign
4 expenditures with a certain check card or debit card; and generally relating to
5 the payment of campaign expenditures by a campaign finance entity.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article - Election Law

8 Section 13-220

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2003 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Election Law**

14 13-220.

15 (a) (1) Each campaign finance entity shall designate one or more campaign
16 accounts.

17 (2) Each designated campaign account shall:

18 (i) be in a financial institution; and

19 (ii) be registered in a manner that identifies it as the account of a
20 campaign finance entity.

1 (3) A campaign finance entity shall deposit all funds received in a
2 designated campaign account.

3 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection and subsection (c) of this
4 section, a campaign finance entity may [not] directly or indirectly make a
5 disbursement [except] by:

6 (I) check from a campaign account designated under subsection (a)
7 of this section; OR

8 (II) CHECK CARD OR DEBIT CARD ATTRIBUTED TO AN EXISTING
9 CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT.

10 (2) A campaign finance entity, or a person authorized by the campaign
11 finance entity, may pay an expense of the campaign finance entity from funds other
12 than a campaign account if:

13 (i) the expense is supported by a receipt that is provided to the
14 campaign finance entity; and

15 (ii) the campaign finance entity reimburses the person who paid
16 the expense by check from the campaign account and reports the expense as an
17 expenditure of the campaign finance entity in accordance with Subtitle 3 of this title.

18 (c) (1) A campaign finance entity may maintain a petty cash fund.

19 (2) The campaign finance entity shall maintain a separate account book
20 for the petty cash fund.

21 (3) The petty cash fund:

22 (i) may not exceed \$250 at any time; and

23 (ii) may be replenished only by check from a campaign account
24 designated under subsection (a) of this section.

25 (4) Not more than \$25 may be disbursed from the petty cash fund in a
26 primary or general election to a single recipient.

27 (5) Each petty cash expenditure shall be supported by a receipt and
28 reported by category on the appropriate campaign finance report.

29 (6) This subsection does not authorize an expenditure that otherwise is
30 unlawful under this article.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 October 1, 2004.

